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1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY COUNSELOR NOVAKOVIC CALLED AT DEPARTMENT MAY 23 FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. NOVAKOVIC SAID YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT HAD SENT CONGRATULATORY LETTERS TO GENERAL SPINOLA, PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS AND FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES, BUT THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO AFRICAN TERRITORIES.

2. NOVAKOVIC DID NOT RPT NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK ABOUT USG ATTITUDE TOWARD COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, BUT SAID YUGOSLAVS HAD HEARD FROM RUMANIAN SOURCES THAT PCP LEADER ALVARO CUNHAL WAS INDEPENDENT
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NATIONAL COMMUNIST ALONG RUMANIAN OR YUGOSLAV LINES RATHER

THAN FAITHFUL MOSCOW LINER AND INQUIRED WHETHER USG HAD
RECEIVED SIMILAR REPORTS. DEPTOFF SAID WE KNEW RELATIVELY
LITTLE ABOUT CUNHAL BUT HAD GENERAL IMPRESSION HE WAS
ORTHODOX PRO-SOVIET COMMUNIST. RUSH

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